(c) whether the fine iron ore of Bailadila mines is being exported to other countries other than Japan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) started exporting iron ore fines from its Bailadila mines directly to China in 2000-2001.

(b) The iron ore fines exported from Bailadila mines are of high-grade quality with above 64% iron content. The details of iron ore fines exported directly by NMDC and through MMTC from Bailadila mines to China during 2000-01, and those envisaged during 2001- 2002, are as follows:

(Qty. in lakh Metric Tonnes)

| Export During 2000-01 | Projections during 2000-02 |
|---|---|
| Exports through MMTC : 7.83 | Export through MMTC : 9.50 |
| Direct export by NMDC : 3.05 | Direct export by NMDC : 10.00 |

(c) and (d) The fine iron ore of Bailadila mines is being exported to China in addition to Japan. The export details during the last five years are as under:—

| Year | Exports (Qty. in Million tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 0.2 |
| 1997-98 | 0.2 |
| 1998-99 | 0.4 |
| 1999-2000 | 0.4 |
| 2000-01 | 1.1 |

**Import of chemicals from China**

2460. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Anti Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) has initiated investigations against imports of phosphoric acid, paracetamol, lead batteries and industrial chemical isobutyl benzene from China;

(b) if so, the details of other items which are under examination of the DGAD; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the above mentioned products, the other products under examination for Anti Dumping investigations are Sports Shoes, Potassium Permanganate, Sodium Hydrosulphite, Choline Chloride, Analgin, High Styrene Butadiene Copolymer, Partially Oriented Yarn, White Cement, Hexamine, Vitamin AD3, 2-Methyl (5) Nitro Imidazole, Ferro Silicon, Zinc Oxide, Biaxally Oriented Poly Propylene Film, Polyster Staple Fibre, Vitamin AB2D3K, Acrylic Yarn, Trimethoprim, Thermal Sensitive Paper and Vitrified/Porcelain Tiles.

(c) The normal time allowed for conclusion of investigation and submission of final findings is one year from the date of initiation of the investigation. The above period may be extended under exceptional circumstances by six months by the Central Government.

**Proposal for taking over of Tea Estates by DGHC**

2461. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council for taking over Peshow, Va-Jukvar and Potong Tea Estates of Darjeeling;

(b) whether DGHC will undertake the responsibilities of liabilities also; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) A proposal was received from Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) for taking over the management and operation of Pashok, Vah Takvar and Potong Tea Estates.

(b) The proposal of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) was to take over the management on as-is-where-is basis at no cost and also to meet the current liabilities of the above gardens by running them from mutually agreed